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SUBJECT: NEW ZEALAND MANAGEMENT OF NAVAL BASIN BERTHS AND FUEL DEPOT

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1. WHILE WE AGREE THAT REPRESENTATIONS FROM GOA AND HMG MIGHT BE HELPFUL IN CONVINCING GNZ IT SHOULD ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR MANAGING BERTHS AND FEUL DEPOT, WE WOULD STRESS NECESSITY OF KEEPING SUCH REPRESENTATIONS ON LOW-KEY. FAILURE TO DO SO MIGHT LEAVE IMPRESSION HERE THAT USG IS TRYING TO STRONGARM GNZ. NEEDLESS TO SAY THIS WOULD NOT IMPROVE OUR CHANCES FOR A FAVORABLE DECISION.

2. DEFENSE MINISTER FRASER WILL NOT HAVE RETURNED FROM HIS TRIP TO SINGAPORE AND OTHER SEA COUNTRIES UNTIL WELL AFTER PM ROWLING HAS LEFT FOR COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE AND MAY 7 MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FORD. ROWLING WILL NOT, THEREFORE, HAVE HAD A FIRST HAND BRIEFING FROM FRASER AND MAY NOT WISH TO DISCUSS BERTHS AND FUEL DEPOT IN ANYTHING EXCEPT MOST GENERAL TERMS.
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